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SUBJECT: US SPECIAL PROGRAM, INFRASTRUCTURE SLICES XXVI-XXX,
26 FEB 75 MEETING OF WORKING GROUP 27

REFS: A. NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF REPORT, UNNUMBERED, 11 FEB
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B. USNATO 0952

C. USCINCEUR ECJ4/7 358B, 211351Z FEB 75

SUMMARY. IN ITS SECOND FORMAL MEETING HELD 26 FEB 75, WG 27
PROVISIONALLY APPROVED ALL FOUR-STARRED ITEMS IN INTERNATIONAL
STAFF ANALYSIS (REF A). WG INVITED US TO PROVIDE FULLER FINFORMA-
TION ON FOUR-STARRED ITEMS AND ON ITEMS 6 AND 48 THROUGH 53 OF
REF A. WG ACCEPTED US AND SHAPE SUGGESTION THAT PROGRAM WHICH WG
WOULD RECOMMEND TO INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL REVIEW
SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE BASIC REQUIREMENT OF IAU 28.9
MILLION. NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED
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FOR WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH, END SUMMARY.

2. IN ITS THIRD MEETING AND SECOND FORMAL DISCUSSION OF US
SPECIAL PROGRAM WG 27 REVIEWED ALL FOUR-STARRED ITEMS IN REF A

AND PROVISIONALLY APPROVED THEM ON UNDERSTANDING THAT US WOULD PROVIDE CERTAIN ITEMS OF INFORMATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF NATURE OF PROPOSED PROJECTS AND THEIR PRECISE RELATIONSHIP TO NATO MILITARY OPERATIONS. WG ALSO NOTED THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF COULD NOT EVALUATE SEVERAL HIGH VALUE ITEMS (NUMBERS 6 AND 48 THROUGH 53) BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT DATA AND REQUESTED US PROVIDE THIS DATA. WG ACCEPTED US AND SHAPE SUGGESTION THAT PROGRAM WHICH WG WOULD RECOMMEND TO INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL REVIEW SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE BASIC REQUIREMENT OF IAU 28.9 MILLION.

2. FOLLOWING WERE PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE DURING DISCUSSION:

A. RE CRITERION A (REF A), WG DECIDED TO ADOPT LANGUAGE OF PARA 8 OF DPC/D(74)27 (REVISED) WHICH CALLS FOR QUOTE PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF US FORCES STATIONED IN EUROPE AS WELL AS OTHER US EXTERNAL FORCES, PROVIDED THAT, IN BOTH CASES, THEY BE ASSIGNED OR EARMARKED FOR NATO UNQUOTE.

B. WG AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH US ARGUMENT THAT TRAINING FACILITIES MAY BE CLOSELY RELATED TO OPERATIONS AND AGREED TO CONSIDER SUCH FACILITIES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IF US CONSIDERS THEM ESSENTIAL.

C. ITALIAN REP (CAMPOLIETI) ARGUED AT LENGTH FOR MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMAND (MSC) REVIEW OF PROJECT LIST AT APPROPRIATE POINT IN ORDER TO ENSURE QUOTE REALIZATION UNQUOTE OF PROJECTS. US WITH STRONG SHAPE SUPPORT POINTED OUT THAT USCINCEUR HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN DEALING BILATERALLY WITH MODS AND THAT WE WOULD PROPOSE TO RELAY PRIMARILY ON SUCH BILATERAL CONTACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF US SPECIAL PROGRAM.

D. GREEK REP (HOMATAS) OBVIOUSLY UNDER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, SAID HE COULD ACCEPT US LIST SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY HOST NATIONS. RE PROJECTS IN GREECE, ACCEPTANCE OF THESE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO OUTCOME OF CURRENT REVISION OF US/GREEK BASE AGREEMENTS NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION.
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3. WG ACCEPTED PROPOSAL OF US REP (CAMPBELL) THAT HE OBTAIN LIMITED BUT SUFFICIENT INFORMATION, BASED ON ADVICE OF NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF, TO PERMIT WG REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE. WG WILL DOUBTLESS RECOMMEND SOME FORM OF REVIEW BY MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND MNCS WILL REQUEST FURTHER DATA FROM USCINCEUR, PROBABLY ALONG LINES OF JUSTIFICATION MATERIAL USED FOR REGULAR NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. SHAPE REP MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT MNC REVIEW WILL BE LIMITED TO GENERAL INDICATION OF TYPES OF PROJECTS MNCS CONSIDER IMPORTANT.

4. US REP STRENOUSLY RESISTED ANY WG REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD GENERATE DRAWN-OUT AND UNNECESSARY PAPER EXERCISE. BASED ON DISCUSSION WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF,

MISSION BELIEVES FOLLOWING OUTLINE REPRESENTS LEVEL OF INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SATISFY WG AND SUPPORT A DECISION, AND REQUESTS USCINCEUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING RESPONSE:

A. WHAT IS IT? SUGGEST YOU RE-CHECK DESCRIPTIONS IN US (NOT INTERNATIONAL STAFF) PROJECT LIST TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE INFORMATIVE.

B. WHAT ARE ELEMENTS OR COMPONENTS OF ITEM?

C. WHAT DOES ITEM DO (E.G., ITEM 17 IN INTERNATIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS)? WHAT IS SIZE OF OR SCOPE, IF APPLICABLE?

D. WHAT DPQ FORCES DOES IT SUPPORT?

E. IS IT A CRITERION-TYPE ITEM, AND WHAT IS EXTENT OF DEVIATION FROM NATO CRITERIA?

F. WHERE USEFUL, INDICATE SIMILARITY AND/OR RELATIONSHIP TO NATO-ELIGIBLE TYPES OF PROJECTS.
POINTS D AND F ABOVE WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR ARMY FACILITIES NOT NORMALLY INCLUDED IN NATO PROGRAMS. WE HAVE INDICATED TO WG THAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT PRIOR EXCLUSION AS REASON FOR EXCLUDING ARMY PROJECTS, BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE JUSTIFICATIONS STRUCTURED ALONG SAME LINES AS THOSE FOR AIR FORCE AND NAVY ITEMS. WE ALSO NEED ABOVE DATA PLUS INDICATION OF AT LEAST TWO OR THREE LOCATIONS FOR ITEMS 6 AND 48 THROUGH 53.
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INCLUSION OF ITEMS 48 OR 49 ALONE WOULD PUT US AT DESIRED GROSS PROGRAM LEVEL.

5. WG REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ON CERTAIN OTHER POINTS RELATING TO ITEMS IN INTERNATIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS:

A. ITEMS MARKED QUOTE CRITERIA ITEM IF ESSENTIAL UNQUOTE MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR NATO FUNDING AS SPECIAL CASE. ARE ALL OF THESE CRITICAL AND CAN WE REFUTE NIS STATEMENT?

B. FOR ITEMS 14 AND 15, WE NEED YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT THESE PROVIDE FOR AMMO STORE BEYOND SEVEN DAYS STOCK.

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C. WG ASKED FOR QUOTE RATIONALE UNQUOTE BEHIND REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL POL STORAGE AND NUMBER OF DAYS OF ADDITIONAL POL (BEYOND 30 DAYS) WHICH WOULD BE PROVIDED.

D. FOR ITEMS DESIGNED TO HOUSE EQUIPMENT (E.G., 17, 18, 31), WE NEED CONFIRMATION THAT ESTIMATES INCLUDE ONLY FIXED FACILITIES.

E. IF USCINCEUR OR COMPONENTS HAVE STRONG VIEWS ON ANY OF REDUCTIONS ON COST ESTIMATES BY NIS, PLEASE ADVISE.

F. ASIDE FROM ITEM 90, ARE ANY OF LISTED FACILITIES IN USE OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION, I.E., IS US REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT?

6. WG DISCUSSION CLEARLY REFLECTED DESIRE OF ALL ALLIES REPRESENTED TO FIND A BASIS FOR AGREEMENT AND TO HAVE THE MINIMUM ADEQUATE DATA NECESSARY TO KEEP MODS INFORMED CONFIDENTIAL

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AND TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE. WITH DUE CONSIDERATION FOR ITEMS WHICH USCINCEUR AND COMPONENT COMMANDS CONSIDER EXTREMELY URGENT, WE SHARE GENERAL VIEW OF WG THAT IT IS IN BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH NATO AND THE US TO ARRIVE AT A PROGRAM CONSISTING OF RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF HIGH VALUE PROJECTS. TO EXTEND THAT WE CAN CONCENTRATE LARGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR IAU 28.9 MILLION IN FEW CATEGORIES. WE CAN SIMPLIFY MNC REVIEW PROCESS AS WELL AS US MANAGEMENT OF PROGRAM. NEVERTHELESS, MISSION WELCOMES USCINCEUR GUIDANCE ON GENERAL QUESTION OF US PRIORITIES AND ON SPECIFIC TWO-OR THREE-STARRED ITEMS (REF A) THAT US WANTS INCLUDED IN FIRST IAU 28.9 MILLION.

7. WG CHAIRMAN (COOPS, NETHERLANDS) MADE STRONG STATEMENT TO WG INDICATING HIS INTENTION TO HAVE FINAL DECISION ON SPECIAL PROGRAM WELL BEFORE MAY DPC MINISTERIAL. IN FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, WG AGREED THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR DPC APPROVAL OF SPECIAL PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH INFRASTRUCURE COMMITTEE MAY VIEW A REPORT TO MINISTERS AS APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL. WG ACCEPTED US REP PROPOSAL OF 12 MARCH DATE FOR NEXT MEETING ASSUMING THAT DATA REQUESTED ABOVE CAN BE AVAILABLE BY NOT LATER THAN 7 MARCH 75.
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